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Applicants: Michael GEORGE et al.

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For: FLUORESCENTLY TAGGED LIGANDS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: